



A BILL now before the Legislature increases the salary of the circuit judges to \$4,000 a year and expenses.

It is such a delightful, pleasant task to reform the other fellow. To forget our own shortcomings and legislate for our weaker brother.

OUR dry legislature seems to be devoting itself to two paramount purposes: Knocking out the referendum and creating new holes for more pigs.

A SO-CALLED Democratic Congress that gives a majority vote for National Prohibition is not likely to develop sufficient genuine Democracy to repel the iniquitous and outrageous oleomargarine law.

THE Missouri Democracy owes nothing to the City of St. Louis. We are not opposed to "dry" legislation because St. Louis doesn't want it, but because nearly all the measures championed by the "drys" are vicious and un-Democratic.

AH HA! The solar walkers are not willing to trust the people. The fear is not astonishing to us. We knew it all the time. But we did not expect to see them make the declaration so early in the game. Mighty little the people would have to say about anything if your reformer had the power.

THE St. Louis Republic a couple of weeks ago printed a cartoon the purpose of which was to show how much more liberal adjoining states were with their Universities than is Missouri. In the list, however, the Republic was very careful to omit the name of our neighbor on the south—Arkansas—whose appropriation for the State University for the next two years is \$500,000. Just about one-sixth of what Columbia and Boone County asked for this session.

THE Post-Dispatch intimates that if there is too much dry legislation at Jefferson City the Democratic party will be held responsible therefor, and St. Louis will retaliate at the polls. Any one who reads the REGISTER knows this paper is not dry. But we don't like such threats as that made by the P. D. St. Louis has too often "retaliated" against the Democratic party, and you can't blame the rural legislator very much if he does want to "hand" something to the big City.

SPEAKING of the tendency of fanatical endeavor in legislation, an exchange tells the cause truly and succinctly: "Perhaps the most striking development of our government is that the laws are not made by all the people nor by representatives of the people, but by small cliques, highly organized and tremendously energized over particular questions. These cliques are determined to force their views upon the whole people, while at the same time other cliques are forcing views on other questions upon them."

BOTH houses of the Alabama legislature passed over the governor's veto a bill to prohibit newspapers published in the state from printing liquor advertisements and to prevent circulation in the state of papers published outside Alabama carrying such advertising. The dispatch from which the information is taken does not tell us how the dry zealots are going to keep outside papers with liquor advertisements from circulating within the state. Arrest the mail carriers and close the post offices? Lord, Lord, "what fools these mortals be!"

FROM Gaty Pallen's Jefferson City correspondence to the St. Louis Republic: "Representative Frank Farris of Phelps County, who is in a class to himself as an orator, is willing to sacrifice the appellation of 'Senator' for that of 'Judge.' He has served in the upper branch of the General Assembly, and the majority of Missourians always refer to him as 'Senator' Farris. He is going to be candidate for Circuit Judge in the district now presided over by Judge Leigh B. Woodside. The fact that probably this will be 'Senator' Farris' farewell appearance as a lawmaker in Jefferson City is to be regretted. He may have his political enemies who fear him, but his ability as a leader will always be recognized."

THE Leo Frank case is indeed a cause celebre and the final decision of the U. S. Supreme Court is awaited with anxiety, not only in Georgia, but throughout the Union. Frank was found guilty by an Atlanta jury of the murder of a young girl, almost solely upon the testimony of a vicious, drunken negro, himself suspected of the crime. Some of the prosecution's deductions from the evidence submitted remind me strongly of Sergeant Buzius in Bardell vs. Pickwick. He made a degrading monster of Pickwick through the latter's order for "chops and tomato sauce," communicated to the widow by note. The Judge who presided at Frank's trial says, according to the Post-Dispatch's special correspondent, that the jury would have found a verdict of guilty even though the Lord had sent down angels to testify to his innocence.

It's a devil of a legal "mess," take it all around, and no credit to American jurisprudence, in my way of thinking.

THE recent death of "Fire Alarm" Flanagan of Carthage is bringing out many stories of that eccentric Republican alarmist. One of the best is that told by the Bulletin of Lincoln which says that he spoke there in 1892. It says that Flanagan made a two-hours' talk in characteristic style, using an abundant supply of wit and keeping his audience in a fine humor, regardless of the variety of political views represented among his hearers. That is, he kept his audience in good temper until he began to ridicule the Democratic attitude on free wool and told that Lincoln story—"Democrats talk about free wool," he sneered; "what do they know about free wool?" That great, that peerless Republican leader, Abraham Lincoln, with one stroke of his pen put more wool on the free list than the Democrats ever will!" As soon as that remark soaked in, every colored brother and sister arose and marched out of the hall. But the rest enjoyed Mr. Flanagan, and there were calls of "go on" from everybody when he drew his speech to a close.

THIS from the Paris (Mo.) Mercury of January 30, is mighty readable today: "State-wide prohibition was overwhelmingly defeated, so was county unit bill, and any man with an ounce of judgment knows that both would suffer a similar fate again, even if submitted at a special election with nothing to confuse the direct issue. Missouri is not yet ready for prohibition, either outright or by indirection, as illustrated in the vote of the most radical dry counties, and if the Democrats in the legislature, following the leadership of a few dervishes, who not only have lost all sense of proportion but must perforce howl in order to keep their jobs, insist on pushing the question to the front, the party will be as badly beaten two years from now as it was six years ago following the same sort of performance. Missouri is a local option state, is three-fourths dry as matters stand, and there is no further restrictive legislation possible at this time. Talk of tricking the referendum is so much piffle, chatter regarding so silly an expedient displaying the quality of leadership we may expect at Jefferson City this winter, and the manner in which the liquor issue is being dragged to the front betrays at once a crafty and deliberate design. Behind it and the men who are howling about it, even though they be unconscious of the fact, are the special interests of the state attempting to block reform legislation and wreck the Democratic party. If accomplishment of any kind were possible it would be different."

Bellevue News.

Fred Bollinger of Greenville was here on business the first of the week. Miss Emma Townsend visited Miss Pearl Bond out near Mann, a few days last week, and attended the entertainment at Cedar Grove school house.

Geo. Hanson—candidate for Superintendent of Public Schools of Iron County—was out here a few days the first of the week, electioneering.

Mrs. Clarence Shelton and children spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives at Caledonia.

Victor Boring returned home last Thursday, after having taught a successful 8 months term of school in St. Francois County.

Miss Ruth Bynum spent a few days with Mrs. Chas. Edmonds in Bismarck last week.

Miss Bertha Boring and Geo. Phillips are both quite sick of pneumonia at this writing.

Mrs. E. M. Logan went to St. Louis last Sunday to spend a while with her daughter, Miss Jenna, who is suffering from a nervous break-down.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Campbell entertained the Wesley Bible Class on last Friday evening.

A Play and Oyster Supper at the Hall next Saturday evening. A full house is expected.

Huston McCall, traveling salesman for Hass-Lieber Grocery Co., spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother.

Wm. King made a business trip to St. Louis last week.

Rev. Trygg A. M. Thomas, of Kansas City, delivered two excellent sermons at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday. ALPHA.

West End News.

Raining to-day after several days of nice weather. Everybody was making use of the pretty weather we have been having, working and buying feed, looking for a bad spell.

Wm. Volner and sons contemplate loading a car of lumber to-morrow. They say it is a bread and meat job cutting lumber now, but that kind of a job looks good to most of us these days.

A fatal accident happened last week while two children by the name of Haul were playing, one with a gun, which had been loaded since Christmas, and the other with a kitten; the one with the gun said "I'm going to kill your cat," and discharged the gun shooting the little girl through the leg. The child's leg had to be amputated, the child living about fifteen minutes after the work was completed. The children were about four and six years old. I think children should leave a gun alone until they know how to shoot.

Thursday's paper states that there are 100,000,000 Americans behind the President's note which was sent to

England and Germany on the rights of neutral commerce.

The President's position is conceived in no sordid spirit of devotion to money gain or the worship of wealth. The enrichment of the rich is merely an accident of international commercial operations; their chief and supreme end is to feed and clothe humanity, and provide means for the education of the young, the care of the aged and the supply of the needs of the spirit of man. But few of the men have laid by them in store. Most men eat to-day what they earned yesterday and want bread hard upon acquisition. Let traffic be halted and want and misery and starvation begin their work. In standing for the rights of neutral commerce, Woodrow Wilson is standing for the rights of fathers to feed and clothe their families, of mothers to care for their children, the right of the hungry to a meal, of the shivering to shelter, of the naked to clothing. The fight for neutral commerce is a fight for humanity. If we Americans have to fight for neutral commerce I think it would be much cheaper to leave it off.

Instead of there being 100,000,000 Americans behind the President to fight for these rights the President would be behind them and a long ways behind in some well fortified place and plenty of body guards. If this fight should come about I think our President would be like the Irishman when he walked up where two men were fighting and he asked them if that was a free thing, and one of the men said yes, so he began to pull off his coat and the other fellow knocked him down; the Irishman got up and said, "Bat, and begorra if that is the way of it, I don't want any more of it." I think that would be the way of Mr. Woody; if he had to get out and take the first blow he would not want much of it. I think we could do without imports and exports much better than we could fight for them.

There are only twelve more days of school. Our teacher, Arthur Francis, invited all to come the last day and enjoy a good time.

Mr. Albert Turner gave a dance and a box supper one night last week. Everybody reported a nice time. Your correspondent wasn't there.

Spring Goods Arriving!

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Mr. Farnest Stricklin called on Claude and Leonard Volner Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Volner called on Arthur Francis Saturday night.

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This 8th day of February, 1915.

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